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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Anonymous McCarthyite

The following anonymous message, neatly penned on a postcard, has been received by our editor:

"Sir: I have just read the editorial in your rag of September 21, concerning the McCarthy trial in Senate. It is indeed sickening that when our boys are dying in Korea, fighting the Commies, that such rats as the person or persons who wrote the editorial stick up for the Commies. We need more people with the guts to oppose the Commies here instead of less. If, as you say, the scoundrels of the left are on the run, the only place they are on the run is into the arms of such as you. You should be ashamed to call yourself an American."

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What the Editorial Said

The editorial to which the anonymous McCarthyite refers concluded with the following paragraph:

"Organized labor and American citizens in general are now pretty well alerted toward the dangers of Communist infiltration. But it is high time we were more alert toward the dangers of Fascist demagoguery. At the present time there is far more serious danger from the Right than there is from the Left. The scoundrels of the Left are on the run. The scoundrels of the Right are trying to get in the saddle and stay there. And organized labor is the horse they wish to ride."

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Still More Anonymous!

Probably the anonymous McCarthyite is a member of one of our unions in this area. It sets one to wondering how many of our people here have been taken in by the McCarthy line.

Our timid friend, who didn't dare sign his or her name to the postcard, should be assured of one thing: if the McCarthy crowd ever gets hold of this country, timid people would have to be still more timid about signing their names to anything whatever.

For McCarthy is making a direct and persistent bid to those powerful interests which would like to rule this country by fear and coercion. His drive has gone so far that even as it is, it was many months before one U. S. Senator, Benton of Connecticut, dared to stand up and move for the eviction of this irresponsible demagogue from the Senate.

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The anonymous McCarthyite assumes that if anyone gets up and shouts bloody murder against the Commies, the said shouter is to be trusted to the hilt. But all experience has shown that cheap reactionary opportunists will use patriotism as a cloak for their activities. Dr. Johnson's saying on this matter is famous, and he said it some two centuries ago: "Patriotism, sir, is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Or, as we put it in another paragraph of the editorial to which our anonymous McCarthyite refers:

"Joe McCarthy is of course wrapping himself in the American flag, and claiming that all he is trying to do is to fight Communism. But if there is one thing organized labor should bear in mind at this time, it is this: There are a lot of cynical scoundrels climinbing on board the anti-Commie bandwagon now who haven't the slightest interest in preserving the American tradition of free speech, free press, and free assemblage."

Just how much interest our anonymous McCarthyite has in those three great principles of democracy, one just wouldn't know. But one could do some darned close guessing!

Report Non-Union Paper Sought to Defeat Unions On Safeway Ad Income

Reported efforts of the Bellflower Herald-Enterprise to survive on Safeway advertising while engaged in a battle with the allied printing trades were discussed at the Central Labor Council Monday.

William P. Fee, CLC assistant secretary, told of a conference held in San Francisco with Safeway officials, attended by Fee, Jack Austin of Typographical 36 here, Secretary George Johns of the San Francisco Labor Council and others.

The Bellflower paper, which circulates in the area near Long Beach, broke off relations with the unions some time ago.

When Safeway officials at the San Francisco conference protested that the unions were "trying to use Safeway as a horsewhip" in the struggle with the paper, Fee said, the unions' answer was prompt.

Jack Austin produced a list of 36 merchants in the Bellflower area who had pledged themselves not to advertise with the paper while it was non-union.

The unions had heard reports that the paper's management had boasted that "as long as we get the Safeway ads we can hold out against the unions."

CLC Turns Thumbs Down On Private Ambulances

Delegates to the Central Labor Council adopted a resolution protesting the use of private ambulances rather than public ambulances in the City of Oakland.

Prior to adoption of the resolution it was pointed out that the use of private ambulances could lead to grave abuses. For instance, a citizen might have to lie injured in the street until he could guarantee to pay the cost of being transported to the hospital.

AFL WOUNDED SOLDIER IN APPEAL FOR BLOOD



'PLEASE STRESS WE NEED BLOOD.'—San Francisco.—Sgt. Carl K. Reed, a member of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2288, told AFL President William Green and delegates to the AFL 70th Convention "the men in service need a lot of blood." Wounded in Korea, he said he had over 20 pints and the average is 7 pints per man. Staff Sgt. Ecidor Duran asked the delegates "when you go home to your unions please stress the fact that we need blood."

BTC Praises Loyal Steamfitter; Urges Journal Press Printing

A local steamfitter with a heart of gold won the unstinted praise of delegates to the Building Trades Council Tuesday night.

Object of the praise was E. C. Pearson, who served his apprenticeship with Steamfitters 342. He is presently employed as a foreman at Camp Parks.

Pearson earned the plaudits of the BTC, among others, for a completely generous action he made last week after being awarded a 1950 Chevrolet by Local 342.

Instead of taking possession, Pearson returned the car to the family of an ailing brother steamfitter who had placed the vehicle on the block in order to realize some cash to pay for his medical bills.

The ailing steamfitter has been confined for the past few months at Livermore Hospital where he is convalescing from a serious lung disease.

The car, which was not fully paid for, also served as the only means of transportation for the family of the hospitalized steamfitter.

Pearson's magnanimous act will go a long way toward easing the financial burden of his fellow worker and family.

As one of the BTC delegates put it, Pearson's completely unselfish act "revives one's faith in human nature."

JOURNAL PRESS PRINTING

BTC delegates strongly urged all unions affiliated with the council to give all of their printing work to the Journal Press, the AFL owned, operated and controlled job shop connected with East Bay Labor Journal.

Among those who spoke on the subject of increased printing business for the Journal Press were President Lloyd Child, Secretary John Davy Business Representative Jack Reynolds, Vice-President L. Childers and Les Hafer, Ironworkers 378.

T-H AMENDMENT

Richard J. Gray, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department, wrote the BTC urging the council and all affiliated unions to exert every effort to bring about the prompt enactment of Senate Bill 1973, an amendment to the Taft-Hartley Law.

The bill, if enacted into law, will mean that representation and union-shop elections will not be required in the building and construction industry.

As presently drafted, the bill also contains a provision which has the effect of overriding state laws which prohibit or outlaw the use of the union-security contract in the building and construction industry.

BTC delegates voted to comply with Gray's recommendation.

PAINTERS 1178 WITHDRAWS

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter received from Hayward Painters 1178 informing the council that it was withdrawing from the BTC effective October 9, 1951.

SUSPENSION RULE

Any union affiliated with the BTC will be suspended from the council if its per capita is in arrears three months or more.

A resolution to this effect was passed Tuesday by delegates to the council.

In addition, the resolution states that application for reinstatement will only be considered after all back per capita has first been turned in to the council.

STEVENS ON LEAVE

BTC delegates granted the request of Thaddeus Stevens, Laborers 304, to be relieved of his regular duties as the council's sergeant-at-arms for the next six weeks.

Stevens will spend two of those weeks as a delegate to the Laborers International convention in Chicago and the other four weeks on vacation.

Chairman Lloyd Child selected a very creditable substitute for Stevens in the person of Les Hafer, Ironworkers 378.

Navy Supply Center Cites Fine Record On Employing Handicapped

U. S. Gov't Release

More than 200 physically handicapped workers have been hired at the Oakland Naval Supply Center in the last 12 months, according to Captain James S. Bierer, acting commanding officer of the big Bay Area supply base.

And, he emphasized, they are among the Supply Center's most valued employes.

The announcement was made on the eve of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 8-13, an annual nationwide program to encourage employers to hire disabled workers wherever possible.

All of the 219 handicapped workers added to the Supply Center's rolls in the past year, Captain Bierer said, have filled important jobs in the center's mission of supplying the Fleet and advanced bases. They hold all kinds of jobs, ranging from elevator operator to truck driver, from clerk to office supervisor.

Teamo Conference

Many representatives of Teamster locals in the East Bay were in Los Angeles this week, attending the Western Conference of Teamsters in session there.

Fuhrer Tells of Five-Day Triumph

Highlights of Convention By Robert Ash

Highlights of the recent American Federation of Labor convention in San Francisco, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported to the delegates this week, included:

1. Forthright speeches by U. S. Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston and Joe Keenan, retiring director of Labor's League for Political Education.

2. Reports from AFL representatives in Europe and Asia on the danger of a recurrence for Nazism and the unliberal restrictions on unionism in Japan.

Ash and Ed Clancy, Newspaper Drivers 96, were CLC delegates to the convention.

Ash said that Economic Stabilizer Johnston was extremely plainspoken in his criticism of the way the big interests lobbied in Congress for defeat of a real controls act in July. Ash said that Johnston, commenting on this, said flatly:

"I have never seen such a disgusting exhibition in my life."

Johnston said that organized labor was the only group in America that made a real fight for the consumers.

KEENAN ON OHIO

Keenan as retiring LLPE director, said Ash, reported in some detail on the Ohio campaign in 1950 in which Robert A. Taft was returned to the Senate despite labor's opposition.

"We were just rookies in the Ohio game," was Keenan's concise way of summing it up. He said that what labor mostly got out of that campaign was experience. He insisted that the political game is one we must learn to play 365 days a year.

None of Keenan's remarks, said Ash, could be construed to mean that he had any sympathy with some AFL leaders rumored planning to work for a Republican Presidential candidate next year.

Keenan has been made secretary of the AFL Building Trades department.

DANGER FROM RIGHT

The reports from AFL representatives in foreign countries, such as Irving Brown, George Delany, Nelson Cruickshank, and others, showed that much good is being done with Marshall Plan money. But they also showed a dangerous trend toward Nazism in Germany.

And Keenan in his address had stressed the fact that in this country also the real danger is from demagogues of the Right, not the discredited Left.

Technical Adult School Opens New Forum Oct. 16

Dr. Alfred G. Fisk, speaking on "India's New Place in the Sun" will open the Technical Adult School Forum on Tuesday evening, October 16, according to an announcement by Mr. Henning Edlund, Principal of Technical Adult School.

Dr. Fisk is a recognized tour conductor, lecturer, and college professor. He has conducted four tours to Europe and during the summer of 1951 he conducted a travel seminar to India, Pakistan and Kashmir. Dr. Fisk and his group interviewed leaders in political, business and other walks of life.

This is the first of seven sessions of the Technical Adult Forum which are held in the Claremont Junior High School auditorium, 5750 College Avenue, Oakland, each Tuesday evening starting promptly at 7:30.

After each lecture, members of the forum are given an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the subject.

The public is cordially invited to join the forum by registering in the office or at the door of the auditorium. Further information about the forum may be obtained from Mr. Edlund, OL. 3-0842.

Office Employes 29 File NLRB Election Petition

John Kinnick, president and business representative of Office Employes 29, reports that his union has filed a petition with the NLRB to hold an election at Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley to determine who should be the bargaining agent for the office employes at the plant.

According to Kinnick, the Cutter plant employs approximately 60 office workers.

Mrs. Natalie Allen, the local NLRB representative, has recommended to her regional director that a hearing on the petition be scheduled as soon as possible.

At the present time, all workers at the laboratories are represented by Local 6 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Barbers Vote 5-Day Week

DUBUQUE, Ia. (LPA).—It's a five-day week from now on for this city's barbers. Shops will be closed every Wednesday except for weeks containing holidays—and that's optional.

The AFL local voted to make the day off a permanent feature after trying it out during the summer.

The Safeway Cases

This week word was expected momentarily as to whether or not the State Supreme Court would order a rehearing of the case which Food Clerks 870 and Retail Clerks 1179 won August 14 in the State Appellate Court.

Under the rules, the top court would have to make its ruling by Saturday, but since Saturday is now not a court day, there was some uncertainty about this.

When the big Safeway strike was settled, it was agreed that the one issue of the right of the unions to represent the location managers in the Safeway stores would go to the Appellate Court.

On August 14 the Appellate Court sustained the unions overturning a decision of Superior Judge Ralph D. Hoyt of Alameda County. Safeway then asked for a rehearing, and this is the matter the State Supreme Court was to rule on this week. James F. Galliano is chief counsel for the unions.

Meanwhile, last week the National Labor Relations Board in Washington upheld a decision by a trial examiner that location managers are supervisory employes.

This case went up from San Francisco, where AFL Clerks were on strike against Safeway at the same time the clerks were striking here.

In the San Francisco case, the question at issue is whether a contract between the company and a union covering non-supervisory employes can contain a clause that supervisory employes must refrain from doing the work of non-supervisory employes. The ruling by the NLRB this week did not touch that main issue, union spokesmen pointed out.

Roland Davis is chief counsel for the San Francisco unions in the case, which still has various court proceedings before it.

Labor people observed with some amusement that the Oakland Tribune, which had made no mention of the clerks' victory in the Appellate Court August 14, published a long story about the NLRB ruling of last week.

East Bay Community Chest's Doorbell Ringing By Volunteers Starts Oct. 16

East Bay Community Chests

Tuesday, October 16, will be a Red Letter day in a Red Feather campaign.

Volunteer workers will begin ringing doorbells in neighborhoods throughout the East Bay in the interests of adequate support for 72 health, welfare and youth guidance services associated in the East Bay Federation of Community Chests.

Tuesday will mark the start of Community Chest campaigning in the residential areas of the nine communities associated in the Federated Chests appeal—Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

The goal of Red Feather "door bell ringers" and of volunteer workers in industry and commerce, and in schools and business offices throughout the community is $2,038,048 for child care, for family counseling, for youth guidance, for hospital and nursing care and for young service men away from home.

Norris Nash, chairman of the East Bay Community Chests campaign, declared the federated appeal is this community's first step in the direction of a single, annual united fund campaign. He said the success of the federated campaign in its first year is the best guarantee that further progress toward united campaigning will be made.

The campaign, with a goal which is designed to bring the East Bay's health and welfare services into line with the needs of an expanding population, will "kick-off" at 8:15 p. m. Monday (October 15) in the Oakland auditorium at a concert for volunteer workers by the United States Marine Band.

The Marine Band will be playing a special tribute to the volunteer workers and its entire audience will be made up of men and women who wear the badge of the Red Feather worker. No tickets to the concert and "kick-off" program will be sold and tickets are now being distributed among all volunteers.

Ray Colliver Does Bang-up Job in Organizing Bay Area Candy Companies

Ray Colliver's superior organizing ability in the Bay Area came in for recognition at the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night.

Everett Beasley, Bakery and Confectionery Workers 119, told the CLC delegates of the phenomenal success achieved by Colliver in organizing bakery and confectionery workers in San Jose and Watsonville.

As an example of Colliver's work, Beasley cited the organizing of the Chase Candy Company in San Jose, which has long been non-union. The plant is now fully organized with workers receiving a 5-cent an hour pay increase, a one-year contract, pay to continue if a worker is called to jury duty, and several other benefits.

The Chase Candy workers now belong to Bakery and Confectionery Workers 158 in San Francisco.

Beasley also revealed the fact that Colliver had done a bang-up job in clearing up the bad conditions which hampered bakery and confectionery workers in Watsonville.

Conditions have been improved from a 6-day week to an 8-hour, 5-day week with pay rates brought up to the level prevailing in San Francisco.

Local ITU Unions Roll Out Carpet For International Officers in S. F.

President Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union and several other ITU officers were given a royal reception recently in San Francisco by executive committeemen of ITU Local 36 and Mailers 18.

The reception took place at Rickey's Town House last month when Randolph and his brother officers were here attending the AFL convention.

Besides Randolph, other ITU officials included Don Hurd, secretary-treasurer; Joe Bailey, third vice-president, and international representatives Jack Whiting and Joe Brown.

Also present at the reception were the following convention delegates: Bernard Egan, Houston, Texas; Horace Imeson, Seattle, Wash.; Lewis Herrmann, Newark, N. J.; J. Moriarty, Boston, Mass., and Jack Austin, Oakland.

Austin, Typographical 36, and Duncan "Scotty" Ross, Mailers 18, helped to arrange the affair.

Community Chests' New Movie Shows How Your Contributions Aid Youths

East Bay Community Chests

Completion of the East Bay Federation of Community Chests' film, "The Dead End," a story of a local problem in a local setting, was announced today.

Filmed in the East Bay, with motion picture actor Edward Arnold as the narrator, "The Dead End" is now being shown in connection with the Federated Chests' $2,038,048 fund campaign, and is available to service clubs, churches and schools and to employe groups in business and industry.

The film, too, will be shown in local theaters during the October campaign which incorporates the appeals of 72 health, welfare and youth guidance agencies in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

"The Dead End" is designed to show what Chest contributions mean when measured in human life. It is based on an original story by Jay Rosenburg a contributing writer for the programs, "Gangbusters," and "David Harding, Counter Spy."

Warden Clinton Duffy of San Quentin is featured in the film.

"The Dead End" is a story of a father thrown out of work through no fault of his own, of his desperation, of family break-down and of a boy left to roam the streets, to steal and fight, while his mother works. It is a story, too, of Community Chests health, welfare and youth guidance services and of hope and rehabilitation.

A chest of "actors" includes local police judges, juvenile authorities, Community Chest leaders, Boy Scouts, members of the police and fire departments, doctors and social workers.

The story was photographed in color by the East Bay Movie Makers.

But Bakery Wagon Drivers May Need Help on Chiselers

Paul Fuhrer, Bakery Wagon Drivers 432, told the Central Labor Council Monday of the triumphant inauguration of the 5-day week for men of his craft all along the Pacific Coast.

He added that "we may need the help of you folks in handling a few chiselers who may turn up among the employers."

To illustrate what some employers will do to try to circumvent unionism, Fuhrer told of one big non-union concern in Southern California which operates 621 bakery delivery trucks.

NON-UNION TACTICS

"For fear the winning of the 5-day week by the union would cause their drivers to join," said Fuhrer, "that big outfit suddenly announced they were putting in the 5-day week!"

Fuhrer told the delegates that the drive for the 5-day week started on the Pacific Coast a year ago. Past experience had shown it would be a tough fight.

In New York, the drivers were out 21 weeks in a strike for the 5-day week, but had to go back to the 6-day week.

In Oklahoma, the bakery drivers had the 6-day week during the war, but the employers took it away from them after the war, and a 16-week strike failed to recapture it.

PROBLEMS OVERCOME

One of the problems was the different dates of expiration of contracts. The drivers' locals, all affiliated with the Brotherhood of Teamsters were showing a united front but the different expiration dates hampered them greatly.

At last however, said Fuhrer, the coveted prize has been won in all of California except in isolated Eureka. In Seattle, the bakery workers have been unwilling to give up their rotation system and the drivers are now trying to straighten this out. But on the whole and along the entire coast, and even partly into Idaho, it's victory.

Union Shop Voting Clause Abolished

The House on Tuesday passed by a large majority the bill amending the Taft-Hartley Act to abolish the union shop election requirement after a representation election has been held. The bill also made valid the contracts which had been declared invalid because at the time they were signed some high labor officials hadn't yet signed the non-Communist oath.

The bill, already passed by the Senate, went to the President.

AFL Gals Bowling Team Takes Three Straight

The AFL Labor Temple Gals Bowling Team continued their winning ways last week by trouncing the Smith Clothiers Team in three straight games at the Broadway Bowl, Oakland.

The Gals were particularly pleased at rolling up a 787 score in one of the games.

Members of the Gals' Bowling Team include Eileen Collins, team captain; Verna Eliason, Ray Lewicki, Maxine Omstead and Elly Schappert.

Chrysanthemum Show

Oakland City Release

The seventh annual outdoor chrysanthemum show sponsored by the Oakland Park Department will open in Lakeside Park Nursery Gardens Sunday, October 21, at 10 a. m., according to G. R. Auguston, park board director.

Paint Makers Probe Fatal Ball of Fire

Paint Makers Local 1101 has joined with company officials in making a careful study of a fatal accident in the plant of the Pacific Paint and Varnish Company in Berkeley.

The accident cost the life of Ray Larsen, aged 37, a popular member of the union, September 19.

Larsen had just stepped out of the laboratory, when the ball mill hurled forth a ball of flame which hit the ceiling and bounced back with terrific speed right onto the unfortunate worker's head.

FATALLY BURNED

Frantic with pain, Larsen ran about blindly, his fellow workers trying to grab him to extinguish the flame. Finally one of them tripped him, and they managed to stop the blaze.

But Larsen died within 24 hours, having suffered third degree burns over 85 per cent of his body.

His funeral, held September 24, at the Ellis-Olsen mortuary parlors, was attended by the union's business representatives, Jack Kopke and Pete Ceremello, the Larsen's fellow workers in the plant, and company officials.

Larsen is survived by a family.

CAUSE INVESTIGATED

Since his death, the union officers have been cooperating with the company's general superintendent, William Butner, and personnel director, William Ninnis, to determine just what caused the sudden emission of the ball of flame.

Tentatively the conclusion has been reached that the accident was either caused by a spark from metal striking metal, or by static electricity.

Mineral spirits had been used in cleaning the ball mill, and since mineral spirits are widely used in the industry, workers have felt considerable concern.

Richmond Councilmen Refuse to Decontrol; Oakland Renter Soaked

By a 5 to 4 vote Monday, the Richmond City Council refused to decontrol rents holding that a shortage of housing does exist in Richmond.

The council heard a housing report which revealed that only 2 per cent of the city's housing units were vacant and available for sale or rent.

On the same night that Richmond City Councilmen were refusing to decontrol rent, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported to CLC delegates the problems facing renters in decontrolled Oakland.

Ash reported that he had received a letter from a retired railroad worker pensioner who complained that his rent had been boosted from $31.25 a month to $50 a month since decontrol went into effect in Oakland.

Ash said that he expected similar or worse cases will be turned up by a housing survey which the CLC is going to make soon.

Clancy Named Director Of Palsy Association

Ed Clancy, Newspaper Drivers 96, was named to the board of directors of the California Cerebral Palsy Association at a state conference held in San Francisco recently.

Clancy was extremely active in getting local letter carriers to collect money from contributors during the recent "Porchlight" collection campaign for the Cerebral Palsy fund.

'San Francisco Labor,' New Weekly Newspaper, Launched on Its Career

The official bulletin of the San Francisco Labor Council last week contained the following announcement by the council's secretary, George W. Johns:

San Francisco Labor, the long-awaited official newspaper of the San Francisco labor movement, will be off the presses with its first issue this Friday, October 5. And for the first time since the Labor Clarion suspended publication April 30, 1948, the entire AFL labor movement of this city will have its own newspaper. We are very proud and pleased that this has come about, and wish to express our appreciation to all those local unions which have made publication of San Francisco Labor possible by their subscriptions.

I most earnestly recommend that any local union which has not already subscribed to San Francisco Labor for its membership, study the first issue and give very serious consideration to participation in what can be the strong and united voice of labor in this city. I will be very happy to discuss this subject further with any interested officer or business representative.

Local Plasterers Honored by Visit Of Distinguished Labor Officials

Delegates at a meeting of the Northern California District Council of Plasterers and Cement Finishers were honored last week by a visit from their International President John E. Rooney and several vice-presidents of the International.

The meeting took place at the Oakland Labor Temple.

Another highlight of the meeting was the surprise appearance of Jimmy McDevitt, newly named director of Labor's League for Political Education. McDevitt, a plasterer by trade, has been president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor since 1939.

According to L. Childers, financial secretary of Plasterers 112, McDevitt gave an inspiring and educational talk and asked for support of the LLPE.

Later that evening, the delegates held a dinner-dance at the Acapulco Club in Lafayette in honor of Rooney and the other International officers.

Childers reports that the affair was well-attended and completely successful.

AFL Commentator Frank Edwards, KFRC, 10:15 P. M., Monday Through Friday

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER—THEATRICAL EMPLOYES B-82

Theater Employes Urged to Check Room Numbers of Future Meetings

Up and down the aisle . . . **Angelo La Russa** doing a good job at the Fox-Oakland. . . . **Harry Gensler** back on the Franklin door, after a well earned vacation. . . . **Evelyn Giuliano** moving from the Paramount to the Orpheum. . . . **Doc Blalock,** formerly of the Fairfax, coming out of semi-retirement to work the Laurel door. . . . **Patty Wise** leaving the T & D. . . . **John Legris** formerly of the T & D now on the Elmwood door. . . . **Lillian Wusthoff McIntosh,** former cashier at the Campus and Dimond back on the job market. . . . Veteran T & D doorman, **Dick Figeroid** day dreaming through a signal change at 19th and Webster. . . . **George Poindexter** of the California door in to make application for membership. . . . **Mandora Minyard** of the Telenews calling to give us her new address. . . . Incidentally is your correct up-to-date address and telephone number on file at the union office? . . . **Margie Hoard,** formerly of the Palace, now cashering at the Paris. . . . **The next union meeting will be held Thursday, October 18th, at 11:30 p. m., and the final meeting of the month will be held on October 27th at 10 a. m.** Be sure and stop at the business office for the exact room location. Although all meetings are held in the same building, we do not always use the same meeting room. . . . **Rhea Scott** in from the Peerles to make application for membership, after making three trips in vain to the wrong location. Someone told her the office was located in the Fox-Oakland Theater Building. She almost became a member of the Theatrical Janitors' Union. . . . New membership cards and per capita tax stamps are on hand at the union office. Any member who has attended one union meeting and taken the oath of obligation is entitled to one without charge. . . . **Don Huber,** formerly of several local theatres recently went to Sacramento and worked at the Esquire there. He thought the candy girl was so sweet he married her. . . . **Cliff McGinnis** in to take a withdrawal after leaving the Capitol door. He was accompanied by his wife, Dorothy of the Oakland Ball Park and their young son. Young McGinnis will probably grow up and enter the wrecking business, if what he did to the union office is any indication. . . . Dues statements for the new quarter will soon be in the mail. Although they are not due until the 1st of November and do not become delinquent until the 10th of November, it is wise to start thinking ahead now, so that you will not be paying a late payment fine. . . . Manager Hugh Jones of the T & D, Earl Bannon stagehand in the same house and Warren Pechner former Blumenfeld manager, being taken to the cleaners we hear by **Dick Mead,** vacationing Floorman. . . . By the way, how is your Cooper rating these days, Dick? . . . **Louise Dornsife** learning the hard way that it never rains, it pours. In fact, in her apartment it pours when it doesn't rain. It seems that the neighbors washing machine overflowed, deluging the Dornsife household. . . . We hear there was quite a turnout of the theater crowd at the Policemen's Ball. . . . **Margaret Hight,** turning in her resignation at the Paramount.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH
From Local 127

Painters to Tell Boys' Club Story In Labor Journal

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Back from vacation on Tuesday morning, here it is Wednesday already and time for the weekly article which the brothers will read next Saturday.

Most Columnists upon returning from vacation always seem to feel that they should tell all about where they went, what they saw and what they did. However, not being a columnist but just a common B. A. we will only say we had a fine time and was glad to leave and glad to return.

Getting back to things local we were greatly surprised to read the account of the opening of the West Oakland Boys' Club at 26th and Market in the daily sheet and our weekly labor paper. Thousands and thousands of hours of man power labor was contributed to this most worthy project by members of the A. F. of L. building trades unions but on account of a 30-cent slip-up on some printing, all this work was actually ignored by both papers.

Seems funny that our daily paper missed the boat but this can be accounted for by virtue of the fact they have no use for us anyway which feeling is mutual on our part but to be ignored by our own Labor Journal certainly rankles in our minds.

In order to do justice to at least the group of painters who so generously contributed their Saturdays and Sundays we are going to put out an article next week with the full story of this occasion. Hope we get it printed O. K.

Work is still holding up fine with none of the brothers idle and this looks good for the coming fall and winter. Again we remind the brothers that a nice small steady shop goes fine when the rains come.

Next meeting of the local will be October 25th at which time dues for this quarter can be paid.

LLPE Exposes Bad Voting Record of Knowland, Allen

State Federation News Service

Labor's League for Political Education has published the low-down on members of the 82nd Congress.

In a 22-page brochure the league exposed the voting records of the Senators and Congressmen on 10 test issues, dating from June, 1949, through July, 1951.

Senator William Knowland of California voted against labor nine out of ten times, while Senator Richard Nixon voted wrong five out of eight times since his election in November of 1950.

California Congressmen with perfect voting records are John F. Shelley (D., 5th District), former president of the state AFL; Clyde Doyle (D., 18th District); Frank R. Havenner (D., 4th District); Chet Holifield (D., 19th District),; Cecil R. King (D., 17th District); George P. Miller (D., 6th District); Sam Yorty (D., 14th District).

Those with only one bad labor vote were Claire Engle (D., 2nd District); Clinton D. McKinnon (D., 23rd District); Harry R. Sheppard (D., 21st District).

Unfailing enemies of labor among the California delegation were Jack Z. Anderson (R., 8th District); Allan Oakley Hunter (R., 9th District); Hubert B. Scudder (R., 1st District), and Thomas H. Wardel (R., 10th District). All five voted against labor on every recorded issue.

Voting against labor on every occasion save one, were John J. Allen, Jr. (R., 7th District); Carl Hinshaw (R., 20th District); Gordon L. McDonough (R., 15th District); John Phillips (R., 22nd District).

WISDOM

If we are to keep our democracy, there must be one commandment: "Thou shalt not ration justice."—Judge Learned Hand.

LABOR IN THIS WORLD OF WAR

By the Editor

RUSS ATOM BOMB explosion and Stalin's announcement of all the things he'll do for us and to us didn't create the ripple in the American frog pond the Russians doubtless expected. World Series coming on, and all that. . . .

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BUT SOME AMERICANS in high places hinted that we frogs ought to pay a little more attention to hiding under lily pads in case the atom bomb really is exploded on us. However, nothing seems to stir either us, the people, or those folks in Congress to believing that civil defense is really necessary.

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BLOOD DONATIONS for a hot war actually in progress don't seem to stir enough Americans, either.

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PANMUNJOM has been agreed upon by the UN and the Reds as the place where the next series of "negotiations" for "truce" will take place. Meanwhile, the battle rages.

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CHILDLESS MARRIED men will begin to go in the draft that proceeds, almost silently, month after month, as this country gets deeper and deeper into the hot-cold war.

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THE BRITISH TROUBLES continue: their chief representative in Malaya killed by guerrillas; Mossadegh the weeping but skilful premier of Iran bawling them out after chasing them out: and the old tradition of refraining from discussion of foreign policy in election campaigns thrown to the wind as Churchill hammers the Labor Government on Iran, Egypt and way stations.

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STEAMFITTERS NOTES
Local 342

Steamfitters Are Briefed on Doings At K. C. Convention

By JIM MARTIN

Delegates to the convention of the United Association, held at Kansas City, Missouri, reported on the proceedings of the convention at a Special Called Meeting, on October 4, 1951.

For those unable to be in attendance following are some of the highlights of the convention:

Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada were in attendance, making a total of 2070.

Principal speakers during the five days of the convention were: Stansel A. Brown, president of the National Association of Master Plumbers; J. A. Brownlow, secretary of the AFL Metal Trades Department; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; George Meany, AFL secretary; H. E. McGregor, president of the Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association; W. F. Patterson, director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor, and Maurice J. Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor.

It was pointed out by the officers in their report that although the nation has passed through serious stages of fluctuation since the 1946 convention, and these changes in employment have marked effect upon the membership rules of the United Association, the total membership as of June 30, 1951, was 201,343.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

The more important resolutions considered by the committees were as follows:

An increase in salary for general officers and executive board members.

An increase in the number of organizers to 24.

A United Association Convention is mandatory every five years.

Stroke Benefits were increased from $10.00 to $20.00 per week.

Monthly dues were increased from $2.00 to $2.25, $1.25 of which is to be forwarded to the general office.

Minimum term of local officers was increased to two years.

Clearance Cards, now MAY be accepted, and members MAY be put to work (instead of MUST be accepted, and MUST be put to work).

Various changes in the constitution, as the United Association has been engaged in extensive litigation over the last five years.

The litigation report exhibits the type and kind of litigation, and the various constitutional questions raised in each case.

As a result of this litigation, the general officers have found certain inherent legal defects in the constitution, caused by changes in the field of Labor Law.

Social Security numbers are to be added to due books and Clearance Cards.

All general officers, organizers, and executive members were re-elected by white ballot.

FLOOD RELIEF PLEDGES

The highlight of the convention was the pledging of donations by individual delegates and local unions totaling approximately $70,000, to be used for flood relief in the Missouri Valley Area.

Delegates from Local 342 donated over $450 for this worthy cause.

The writer served on the committee on appeals and grievances, a 20-man committee.

Resolution No. 340, presented by Local 159; That the United Association, Local Unions not having charter rights in Contra Costa County, be excluded from assuming jurisdiction or dispatching United Association Journeymen for employment in Contra Costa County.

The committee recommended no concurrence in Resolution No. 340 presented by Local 159.

However, three members of the general executive board have been appointed to make an investigation, and render a decision, and this decision be final and binding.

CHEVVY AWARD

The award of Brother Herb Durrett's 1950 Chevrolet was also made at the last meeting.

Brother Durrett has been at the Livermore Hospital for the past few months convalescing from a lung disease and the family needed the car to visit him. As the car was not fully paid for, and rather than lose it, it was suggested that the car be put on the block.

The car was awarded to Brother E. C. Pearson of 238 Cameo Drive, Danville. Brother Pearson served his apprenticeship in Local No. 342, and is now employed by Scott Company, as a foreman at Camp Parks.

FINE GESTURE

Even though Brother Pearson is driving an out-dated car to work, and could have used the 1950 Chevrolet, he did one of the nicest things this writer has ever witnessed, he announced that he was returning the car to Mrs. Herb Durrett.

This has been done.

This gesture was indeed outstanding, and Brother Pearson will long be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Durrett and family, as well as the membership of this local union.

KOVACEVICH ON THE MEND

Brother Lou Kovacevich is getting along fine, however, he will be absent for some time. Visitors are not allowed to see him as yet.

The membership wishes you a speedy recovery "Lou," and we know you will be back on the job soon.

Brothers Vic Bodine, Bill Owens, and Glen Schroll are confined to their homes, due to sickness. Why not drop by and see these sick brothers?

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"WATCH IT" with Watchmakers
By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Watchmakers Are Alerted To Non-Union Practice Of Some Business Firms

Sometime you have a problem that you wonder if you are ever going to get solved or worked out. We had that sort of a situation for the past two or three months with Nankin Bros. on Telegraph Avenue in Oakland.

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DIFFICULT CASES

These are the kind of cases that are very difficult and hard to bring to a satisfactory conclusion, but we feel that we have done a fairly good job on this case and will continue to watch it and check with the trade man periodically.

This case should be a warning to not only our members, but to anyone in the retail industry who is desirous of breaking down the standards the union has so diligently worked to establish.

If your employer has enough work to send trade work out, make sure that the work is going to a union man and the price is being paid for the work which is done. This is the only way that your wages can be maintained and the standards of the union upheld.

Needless to say we will hold any watchmaker responsible who fails to report to this office, any work being subcontracted to a non-union watchmaker, in or out of the area.

HEALTH PLAN

Another meeting was held with the representatives of the Permanente Hospital Plan and I intend to investigate another Doctor's Service Group Plan which has come to my attention as being an excellent plan.

The executive board will discuss this subject at the meeting this month and I hope we have something that we can propose and discuss with the membership at the October 25th meeting.

We do not have too much time with this question of the Insurance Program, because it is renewable with the Insurance Company on December 1, 1951.

Machinists' Auxiliary Appoints Delegates To Joint Council

By LOIS L. GIRARD
Press Correspondent
Machinists Auxiliary 97

Our business meeting was called to order October 4th with President Bea Bengson in the chair. The main order of business was appointing delegates for the joint council of auxiliaries which is for the advancement of unionism and harmony. Those appointed from No. 97 were President Bea Bengson, Marie Dixon and Anna Nelson.

No. 97 wishes to thank Locals 1546 of the East Bay Auto Mechanics and No. 284 Machinists Union for their generous donation in buying tickets for our ham dinner which was a huge success.

Don't forget the Past Presidents bingo October 13th at 8 o'clock in the evening at Sister Ora Granters, No. 2618 West St. Let's make this a must as the proceeds go for such worthy causes at the Yuletide.

Brother Kim Cooksey has been quite ill and trust at this writing he is improved. Sister Eva Hare has an infected hand; hurry up Eva and get on the beam again.

At our next meeting, October 18th, we will initiate five new candidates. President Bengson has had a very successful year with new members as so far 21 have joined our ranks.

Don't forget the Past Presidents Bingo and hope everyone keeps well.

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Printers Auxiliary Plans Luncheon-Social Oct. 18

By ELIZABETH FEE
Press Correspondent
Printers Auxiliary No. 26

The October business meeting of W. A. No. 26 to Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 and San Francisco, Oakland Mailers No. 18 was well attended.

Evelyn Wolters was elected delegate to the California Conference of Typographical Unions held in San Jose, October 6 and 7.

Mary Barbach was initiated as a new member.

An invitation has been extended to the wives and mothers of all Oakland printers and mailers to attend our social, October 18th. The social will be held at the Park Boulevard Clubhouse, Park and Newton Avenue, Oakland. Luncheon at 12 o'clock, entertainment will follow.

Mrs. Golden is now home from the hospital. Mrs. Gray is still on the sick list.

Public whist party November 10th at the Labor Temple.

Police Chief Indicted in Cicero Rioting

CHICAGO (LPA)—Cicero's police chief and five other persons were indicted by a county grand jury investigating rioting when a Negro family attempted to move into an apartment of the suburb.

Charged with misconduct as an officer in failing to perform sworn duties, Edwin Knoovsky **faces a maximum fine of $10,000** and removal from office.

The others are charged with conspiracy to cause a riot, injure property and cause financial loss to owners of the property, a 20-apartment building which was badly damaged.

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Who's Trying to Ruin the American School System? This Tells Who They Are and Just How They Operate!

INSIDIOUS WAR UPON EDUCATION

(Reprinted from September issue of McCall's Magazine)

By ARTHUR D. MORSE

Public education in America is under the heaviest attack in its history. This attack is not aimed at the improvement of free education. It is aimed at its destruction. So far it has struck at school systems from Port Washington, New York, to Pasadena, California.

"We place the greatest importance upon this attack," Dr. Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education Association, whose membership consists of 850,000 teachers, said recently. "In recent months campaigns against our schools have been intensified in number and effectiveness. Since they strike at the very roots of our system of free public education, they are a very real menace to democracy."

The most notorious success yet achieved by the forces that are undermining our schools was made at Pasadena.

Early in 1948 Pasadena's school board invited Willard Goslin, one of the country's most able and respected educators, to become superintendent of its public schools. Less than three years later the board that had hired Goslin asked for, and received, his resignation.

The shoddy developments that led to Goslin's ousting had nothing to do with his talents as an educator. His removal—as David Hulburd makes clear in his book **This Happened in Pasadena**—was the result of shadowy fears generated in the community with the aid of individuals and organizations as far away as New York City.

What Community Will Be Next?

The shame of Pasadena cannot be undone. Nobody knows what community will be next.

"You say this hasn't happened to my school, to me," Dr. Richard B. Kennan, a well-known educator, told the 1951 convention of the American Association of School Administrators. "Maybe not. But it has happened in California, in New Jersey, in Louisiana, in Massachusetts—and your school may be next, particularly if you are in a large school system where new buildings and increased school tax support are needed."

To see how these attacks begin, who is behind them and how the assault is waged, let us look at the case of Englewood, New Jersey—an attractive, prosperous community of approximately 25,000, situated across the Hudson River from New York City.

Englewood has long been properly proud of its school system, brought to a new peak of achievement under its present superintendent, Dr. Harry L. Stearns. Dr. Stearns, who admits to being politically somewhat conservative, has made many sound improvements in the Englewood school system. One of the most successful was the installation of a Child Study Department, staffed by two psychologists and a nurse. He is firm in the belief that "if public education fails it will spell the end of a free society in America." Until October 7, 1950, Dr. Stearns had no reason to believe that this opinion was not shared by every citizen of Englewood.

The Case of Englewood, N. J.

Then came the bombshell.

The Englewood branch of the American Association for the United Nations was celebrating official U. N. Week with an open meeting at the Roosevelt School. As the principal speaker was being introduced, an Englewood resident named Frederick G. Cartwright rose in the audience and demanded to be heard with regard to the speaker who originally had been scheduled to deliver the principal address—not the man being introduced. Cartwright claimed the originally scheduled speaker was a "suspected Russian agent" who had been denied reentry into the United States.

The next 20 minutes were chaotic. While the chairman, together with a minister and a rabbi who were on the speaker's platform, attempted to restore order, Cartwright walked to the stage and began reading a prepared speech, cheered on by followers in the audience who had been alerted for this demonstration.

Eventually Cartwright sat down again. Meanwhile the police had been called. Cartwright was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. As he was being removed from the auditorium a firecracker exploded in a corridor. A young girl in the audience became hysterical.

So U. N. Week was thoroughly spoiled, although the speaker went on to trace the North Korean aggression and to discuss the guilt of Soviet Russia in the current situation.

Attack Pattern Emerges at Trial

Shortly after the meeting, but before his trial, Cartwright publicly demanded an investigation "into the activities and possible Communistic ties of some of the teachers in the Englewood public schools." At the same time, the commander and the past commander of the local post of the Catholic War Veterans announced that their organization had decided to support Cartwright (who is an Episcopalian) in this proposal.

The attack was under way.

At Cartwright's trial for disorderly conduct the pattern of the attack began to emerge. It was a pattern familiar to anyone acquainted with the attacks in Pasadena and in other cities, where the anti-public-school elements have, almost without exception, been aligned with an organization that is imposingly and misleadingly called the National Council for American Education (not to be confused with the highly reputable National Education Association or the American Council on Education).

The so-called National Council for American Education is run by Allen A. Zoll, who bears the title of executive vice-president. Because Zoll and his organization have figured so prominently in the nationwide campaign against the public schools, we will examine them more closely later on. It was to be expected that they would show up in Englewood.

Cartwright said at his trial that he had donated $200 to the National Council for American Education. In addition Cartwright, who is in the investment business in Wall Street, said that he was acquainted with Zoll and that his information about the original speaker had come from Zoll.

Tensions Mount In Community

The judge found Cartwright not guilty of disorderly conduct, though deploring and disapproving of his actions. But the trouble in Englewood did not end there. By that time Cartwright had founded an organization which he called the Englewood Anti-Communist League, and tremendous tension began building in the community.

As the poison of recrimination began to spread through Englewood, Cartwright and two of his Anti-Communist League associates went before the Board of Education and recited instances in which (they alleged) teachers had displayed pro-Communist sympathies. The Board ordered Superintendent Stearns to make a full investigation.

In March of this year Stearns opened an inquiry into "subversive activities" in his schools. Under his questioning the "evidence" presented by Cartwright and the two other complainants turned out to be an assortment of hearsay, gossip and rumor.

For example, Frederick H. Grein, the past commander of the Catholic War Veterans, said several students had complained of objectionable remarks made by teachers at the Dwight Morrow School. But he admitted that he had got this information second-hand and that one of his informants was not even a pupil of the school.

A mother, who happened to be Cartwright's secretary, charged that her daughter had been reprimanded by a teacher for making an anti-Communist classroom report. But it developed that the teacher, surprised by the peculiar material in the child's report, had merely asked the source of the information. It turned out to be a book titled Communism Unmasked, by Major General Amos A. Fries, Retired, whom we shall meet later. It fit the pattern that his name should also turn up in Englewood.

Unread Textbooks Called Subversive

As a witness Cartwright was not impressive. He rambled on disjointedly about a variety of matters not connected with the suspected subversion in the schools, and it required all of Dr. Stearn's patience to keep him on the subject. Eventually Cartwright did attack the textbook **American Democracy Today and Tomorrow**, though he admitted that he had not read it.

After Cartwright had attacked another textbook that he had not read the following exchange took place, according to the official transcript:

Mr. Cartwright: . . . it is possible, I mean very highly probable, in a majority of cases that the teachers can be teaching subversively without being aware of the fact that they are teaching subversion.

Dr. Stearns: In other words, you are saying that without the teacher knowing it she is teaching subversive activity?

Mr. Cartwright: I would say in the majority of cases.

Dr. Stearns: In this particular case? You have not read the book, and you don't know what the teacher is actually teaching in the course?

Mr. Cartwright: No, I do not.

Board Hearing Clears Teachers

At the conclusion of the hearing the Board of Education announced that the charges had been found to be based on hearsay, and it exonerated the teachers of "any implications of subversive activity."

Though Cartwright's charges against the schools and his subsequent veiled accusations had not been substantiated, a subtle and distressing change was creeping over Englewood. The teachers were jittery. They were afraid the healthy open discussion that had previously characterized their classes would somehow be misconstrued. Several teachers told Dr. Stearns they were sure that some students, under instructions from their parents, were trying to trap them into making incriminating statements.

This atmosphere of uneasiness was not confined to the schools.

"There is a community menace that is growing here like a cancer," the Englewood Press-Journal said in an editorial, and went on to observe. ". . . it is arousing religious hatreds . . . Catholic against Protestants against Jewish. His (Cartwright's) methods are similar to those of Allen Zoll, to whose campaigns against our schools Mr. Cartwright has contributed funds . . . when he sets group against group, he is endangering our community life and our Americanism itself . . ."

School Attacks Still Continue

The attack on the Englewood schools is still being waged. The Anti-Communist League is holding frequent meetings and distributing literature attacking the schools. Allen Zoll has made several appearances in Englewood. "He is advising us, and we think he is a swell fellow," a leading member of the Anti-Communist League recently remarked.

Frederick Cartwright and Frederick Grein have appeared on a television program emanating from Newark, N. J., during which they repeated substantially the same accusations made during the Board of Education inquiry. Cartwright has become more and more blatant. He now claims to be in contact with the FBI. Innocent Englewood citizens who do not share the Cartwright-Zoll viewpoint are increasingly familiar with rumored threats to report them to the government for subversive activity.

To counteract the activities of the Anti-Communist League, a number of prominent Englewood residents have recently formed an organization which they named the Englewood Citizens Union. A representative group composed of both the conservative and liberal elements in the community, it is coming to the rescue of Englewood's beleaguered school system. In Pasadena some citizens finally organized to fight the attack on their schools, but only after it was too late. Everyone who is for good education and against government by intimidation must hope that the Englewood Citizens Union will get the widest community support and that its work has been started in time.

General Pattern Is Identical

Though the nature of the attack on the schools varies somewhat from place to place, the general pattern is identical. The attackers use the same techniques, the same literature and the same sweeping charges. They accuse teachers and textbooks of being subversive; they link modern educational practices with Communism; and they attempt to stampede parents into believing that our public schools are the breeding grounds of totalitarianism.

Chief among the groups that are exploiting the widespread misunderstanding of modern education and the consuming fear of Communism is Allen Zoll's National Council for American Education.

Many well-intentioned people, lured by the dual prospect of fighting Communism and reducing school taxes, like the Englewood Anti-Communist League, are linked to Zoll's organization. Anyone who is a member of, or has been invited to join, one of these groups should be interested in learning something about Zoll, whose career is not without interest.

Zoll Reluctant to See Reporters

Educators are usually cooperative in arranging interviews with reporters, but I found that in this respect, as well as in others, Zoll is not in the tradition. When I phoned his office, which is in New York, he was reluctant to grant an interview, until I pretended that I was in sympathy with his aims and wanted to gather material to further the cause. Then he agreed to see me.

"This will be the first interview I've granted since I've been in this thing," Zoll remarked and concluded by saying, "If you smear me I'll cut your throat." (This is not, of course, the kind of remark that one often hears in educational circles.)

Before seeing Zoll I looked into his background and found, among other things, that he was the founder and national commander of an organization called American Patriots, Inc., which appears on the Attorney General's list as a Fascist organization. The Patriots (now defunct) had their biggest fling during the years immediately preceding World War II, when Zoll, who cannot be accused of lacking a talent for opportunism, exploited the division of sentiment in this country toward the war.

At meetings of American Patriots, Inc., national commander Zoll presented such speakers as Elizabeth Dilling, who was indicted for sedition three times during the war and was a defendant in the mass sedition trial of 1944 (which was declared a mistrial when the presiding judge died). Other Patriots who addressed the group included John Eoghan Kelly, later convicted as an unregistered agent of Franco; Joseph McWilliams, also a defendant in the sedition trial, who once boasted, "I'm one hundred per cent for Hitler", and the notorious anti-Semitic Gerald L. K. Smith. Zoll introduced Smith as "without doubt the most dynamic and inspiring speaker on Americanism today."

Senator Borah Rebukes Zoll

Zoll had a pretty good year in 1939. In January he appeared at a Senate hearing to oppose the nomination of Felix Frankfurter as a Justice of the Supreme Court. Zoll said he didn't like Frankfurter's record or his religion. Senator Borah was moved to remark, "So far as I am concerned, I do not propose to listen to an argument against a man because of his religion . . . you are raising the same question that is drenching Europe in blood."

A while later Zoll was in the news again. For months the New York radio station WMCA had been picketed by Christian Front followers of Father Coughlin in protest against the refusal of the station to broadcast the priest's inflammatory speeches. In July, Zoll, who was one of Coughlin's most vocal supporters and one of the originators of the picket line, was arrested on an indictment charging that he had attempted to extort $7500 from WMCA's president, Donald Flamm. In return Zoll had allegedly offered to call off the pickets. Zoll was never brought to trial, and the indictment was dismissed.

The publicity that Zoll received as a result of this untidy affair was not flattering. He accordingly drifted off into the shadows, where he worked for a few years as a salesman (he sometimes refers to himself in print as an "Internationally Known Sales Consultant") for such professional anti-Semites as Merwin K. Hart and Joseph P. Kamp.

In 1948 the internationally known sales consultant, sensing a new market for a somewhat different brand of goods, organized his National Council for American Education. Ex-National Commander Allen Anderson Zoll now appeared as Allen A. Zoll, Ph.D.

Main Arguments Against Schools

The office of the National Council for American Education occupies a large room on the tenth floor of a shabby building at 1 Maiden Lane, in downtown New York. It has a staff of three: a receptionist, a typist and Zoll's secretary. The room is cheerless, sparsely furnished and undecorated except for numerous pictures depicting scenes in the life of George Washington. In the rear, partially blocked off by storage cabinets and stacks of old newspapers, is the small cubicle occupied by Zoll, from which he emerged to greet me.

At the age of 55 Zoll is a man of average height, weighs about 200 pounds and is growing bald. His eyes, which are his most distinctive feature, are narrow and glinting. His manner is restless.

At the outset I told Zoll that I was familiar with his main arguments against the schools: that "progressive education" is a menace, that most teachers and textbooks are subversive and that children are not learning the three R's, which should be taught to the exclusion of virtually everything else.

"That's about it," Zoll said. "Most teaching and textbooks are Socialistic, and the teachers' colleges are implanted with Socialism. These Socialist plotters are deliberate saboteurs, and we're in serious danger from them—just as much as from the Communists. There are plenty of bad people who haven't joined the Communist party, and we're out for them, too." Zoll leaned back in his chair. "You're either for individualism or collectivism. The middle is a barbed-wire fence. I tell kids that in my talks to them."

"Good Question" Gets An Answer

I asked just how he was attempting to improve the situation.

"Well," he began, "neither the FBI nor the Un-American Activities Committee knows what's being taught or what's in the heart of a teacher. The only person who knows that is the person right on the ground. I help these local outfits. Like in Punxsutawney it might be called the School Development Council (in Pasadena the anti-school faction was called the School Development Council). I've also formed a pro-American underground of teachers."

After Zoll had exhausted himself of the subject of disloyal teachers I asked what he was doing about subversive textbooks.

"We have an office is Wisconsin," he replied. "Their job is to review about 60 books a year. It's under the direction of our vice-president in charge of research, Verne Kaub."

I had run across Kaub before and knew that he, like Zoll, is a Johnny-come-lately to education. Until recently Kaub was working the religious side of the street, writing articles for the anti-Jewish publication, The Individualist, as well as distributing a pamphlet titled "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?"

Zoll said that Kaub's job of ferreting out un-American propaganda in the children's books is sometimes pretty difficult. "Once," he said with a straight face, "we had to have a book reviewed eight times before we got a good analysis."

I asked Zoll what he believed the proper aims of education should be.

"That's a good question," he said. "I just sent a memo to our board asking them to give me their ideas on that matter."

That didn't seem like a very good answer, but Zoll was indicating that he wished to wind up the interview.

"Any other questions?" he asked.

"Well," I said, "can you tell me what's right with the schools?"

He did not dignify that query with an answer.

New Classrooms Brushed Aside

I remarked that nearly all educational authorities agree that approximately 500,000 new classrooms need to be built within the next 10 years, and asked Zoll if he also considered this a vital problem.

"That's a lot of fuddydud, about new buildings, when the old ones are just as good," he replied. "The factor of age has nothing to do with the efficacy of school buildings."

There seemed time for only one more question. Since Zoll now signs his writings "Allen A. Zoll, Ph.D.," and prefers to be addressed as "Doctor Zoll," I asked him about the degree.

"I got that from Temple Hall," he said quickly, and then seemed embarrassed by his hasty remark. He rose, and the interview was over.

After leaving "Doctor" Zoll I learned that Temple Hall College and Seminary (now defunct) was a one-man diploma mill operated by a man named D. Scott Swain. Swain's quallfications as an educator included the serving of a six-year prison term on six charges, including running a confidence game, obtaining property under false pretenses and passing bad checks. While running his "college" Swain conferred upon himself the title "Archbishop Primate." Probably the high point of his career was reached at a meeting in New York City, when the "Bishop" got roaring drunk and in a burst of expansiveness passed out Temple Hall Ph.D.'s to his entire audience. The exact moment when Zoll was awarded his doctorate is unknown.

No Harmless Crackpot He

Zoll would be funny, if his aims were not so deadly. He cannot be dismissed as a harmless crackpot, for, though his statement to me that his organization has 10,000 members and is linked to some 400 local groups is an obvious exaggeration, it is nevertheless true that he has been a potent influence in every city whose schools have come under attack.

Zoll's influence is widely exerted through the pamphlets that he publishes and distributes. At the height of the school controversy in Pasadena, citizens picking up their morning newspapers found copies of Zoll's pamphlet "Progressive Education Increases Delinquency" on their doorsteps.

"So-called progressive education," the pamphlet said, "shot through as it is with the blight of Pragmatism, has had a very deleterious effect upon the original character of American education . . . The public school system in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the land . . . is fatally committed to these subversive principles of 'progressive' education." Zoll goes on to explain that modern education does not permit absolute truth, hence those who believe in it cannot be true Christians. And he makes the further observation that "currently it is popular to plug hard for the democratic equality of all men."

This pamphlet made such a vivid impression on the president of the School Development Council in Pasadena that he recited passages from it almost verbatim in his speeches attacking the school administration.

In Denver the forces attempting to oust Superintendent Kenneth Oberholtzer (who is also president of the American Association of School Administrators—the highest honor his profession accords) presented copies of "Progressive Education Increases Delinquency" to each member of the Board of Education and to members of many other groups.

Other Zoll literature includes pamphlets bearing such titles as "They Want Your Child" (the Communists, that is), "Private Schools: The Solution to America's Educational Problem" and "How Red Are the Schools?"

The philosophy in these pamphlets is being advocated by the Parents' Council for Education in Eugene, Ore.; the Citizens' School Committee in Los Angeles; the Parents' Council in Minneapolis; the Three R Parents Committee in Columbus, Ohio, and by similar groups in many other communities.

Zoll's Books Read by Many

Zoll's satisfaction in the wide distribution of his literature is not altogether spiritual. His most popular item, "Progressive Education Increases Delinquency," sells for 20 cents a single copy; 6 copies for $1; 1000 copies for $60; and customers are offered a "special price on larger quantities." In all of his pamphlets Zoll makes a strong pitch for contributions. People who join his council are rewarded with various titles,, the rank conferred depending on the amount of cash they send in. They can become an Associate for $5, a Patron for $150, or a Benefactor for $1000.

By the end of 1949, when Zoll was just swinging into action, his pamphlets sales and contributions had netted him an estimated $45,000. With the way his business is booming at present, there is no reason to believe that his efforts are not now being even more respectably rewarded.

Zoll's Group Has "Secret Weapon"

Though Zoll's organization is the most important rallying point and serves as general headquarters for the enemies of education, other operators are busy turning out weapons for waging the attack.

One of the most destructive of these—a kind of secret weapon—is a quarterly publication called the Educational Reviewer. Edited by Lucille Cardin Crain, and financed by a lobbying organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C., the Reviewer has been used effectively in Englewood and in other widely scattered cities across the country. Its sole functions is to try to discover subversive material in textbooks.

The methods used by the Educational Reviewer can be illustrated by its treatment of Dr. Frank Magruder's textbook, American Government. This text, which is on the recommended list of all 48 states, has been a classic in its field for a quarter of a century. It was appropriately selected for review in the first issue of the Reviewer, which appeared in July, 1949. The writer of the review was a woman named Edna Lonigan. How she made her point that the textbook is subversive can perhaps best be shown by comparing excerpts with which she purported to express Magruder's views with actual passages from his text:

Lonigan's Version Of Magruder

Italy and Germany were dictatorships but not the Soviet Union.

The United States and the Soviet Union are equals fighting for "world leadership."

By democracy we mean that form of government in which the sovereign power is in the hands of the people collectively.

Actual Text Of Magruder

Russia is leader of the dictatorial nations, most of which are Communistic.

The United States and the Soviet Union, the most powerful of the allies in the Second World War, now find themselves as the two only powerful contenders for world leadership.

By democracy we mean that form of government in which the sovereign power is in the hands of the people collectively, and is expressed by them either directly or indirectly through elected representatives.

How Quotations Are Twisted

In the last instance above, by deleting half of the sentence, Miss Lonigan was able to prove to her satisfaction that Magruder was an advocate of the collectivist state.

Unfortunately she proved it to a number of others, including Radio Commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., who, a few months after the review appeared, read considerable portions of it on one of his broadcasts.

The response was big and prompt. The State Textbook Commission of Georgia immediately banned the book, as did the Houston, Tex., school board. Parents in Portland, Ore., demanded that similar action be taken there. A newspaper in Southern California quoted Lewis, attacked Magruder and concluded that the "public schools are bound to destroy this country." In places like Council Bluffs, Ia., and Trumball County, Ohio, where the broadcast also caused a stir, some people took the trouble to read the textbook—and so avoided taking precipitate and foolish steps.

Referring to the Educational Reviewer, a report recently issued by a committee of the House of Representatives observed that "the review of textbooks by self-appointed experts smacks too much of the book-burning orgies of Nuremberg to be accepted by thoughtful Americans without foreboding and alarm."

That kind of talk infuriates the editor of the Educational Reviewer, Lucille Cardin Crain, who is convinced that any critic of her publication is a Communist.

To Be Continued

The next and final installment of "Who's Trying to Ruin the American School System?" will appear in East Bay Labor Journal next week. Don't miss it!

HEAD THIS! ALERT YOURSELF! HELP TO SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!

The article reprinted on this page from McCall's Magazine is one which every member of a labor union should read and take to heart.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash was so impressed by Mr. Morse's vivid presentation of the way our school system is menaced by reactionary interests that he asked McCall's Magazine to give East Bay Labor Journal permission to reprint it in its entirety.

Demagogues are taking advantage of Americans' hatred of Communism to try to attack our schools under the pretense that our teachers are a bunch of subversives, and that our American system of schools is a menace to America!

It was in our own state, in Pasadena, that one of the most shameful episodes in this campaign of hate and vilification of democracy occurred. East Bay Labor Journal reprints this article in the hope that it will alert our people, so that if such attempts are made here, we shall be ready to fight it off.

Read this article! Alert yourself! Be ready to defend our American school system!

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Graystone Apartments, 26 Lenox Avenue

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3113 Dwight Way, Berkeley
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2645 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley

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